

# **B4L Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assoc.**

**Representing Baca, Bent, Kiowa, Otero & Prowers counties ♦ Organized in 1870**

The 143<sup>rd</sup> annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Lori Chase at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the CowPalace Inn in Lamar, Colo. There were about 45-50 members in attendance.

The welcome was given by Lamar Mayor Roger Stagner, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members. A CattleWomen's report was given by Susie Magnuson, CCW president; then the youth and CattleWomen split into their separate association meetings.

Other industry reports were given by Dave Mendenhall, Colo. Cattlemen's president, Terry Fankhauser, CCA exec. vice president, and Devin Murnin, new CCA director of industry programs; Fred Lombardi, Colo. Beef Council director; Travis Black and Kevin Mahan, Colorado Parks & Wildlife; and Chris Whitney, Colo. Brand Board commissioner.

Current lawmakers and political candidates then were given an opportunity to address the members. They included Jeff Thornton, Colo. House Dist. 64 candidate; Tim Dore, Colo. House Dist. 64 candidate; Dorris Morgan for US Rep. Cory Gardner (CO-4); Brandon Schaffer, US Rep. CO-4 candidate; Crestina Martinez, Colo. Senate Dist. 35 candidate; Larry Crowder, Colo. Senate Dist. 35 candidate; and Armando Valdez, Colo. Senate Dist. 35 candidate.

Following a break, Pres. Lori opened the business meeting at 5 p.m. and a power point presentation on the "History of the Beef Checkoff - How we got where we are today" was presented.

Steve McEndree moved and Timy Trosper seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2011 annual meeting minutes and approve them as written. Motion passed by voice vote.

Joe Kasza presented the audit committee's report and the budget, with some written handouts and a screen display. Milton Rink moved and Pat Karney seconded to approve the audit. Motion passed on a voice vote. Pat Karney moved and Reggy Lusk seconded to accept the budget. Motion passed on a voice vote. Pat Karney presented the Endowment Trust's statement of condition and financial statement. Pat Karney moved and John Smartt seconded to approve the Endowment Trust report. Motion passed by voice vote.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, Second Vice President Reggy Lusk presented the resolutions committee's resolutions:

## **Proposed Resolution #1 on Country of Origin Labeling:**

WHEREAS, mandatory Country of Origin Labeling has proven to be unsuccessful and whereas WTO has executed a judgment against the United States and possible tariffs on beef by Canada and Mexico.

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association support a voluntary Country of Origin Labeling.

After correcting a typo on the screen version, Bill Gray moved and Dave Mendenhall seconded that Bent-Prowers pass this resolution and send it to CCA convention. After discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

## **Proposed Resolution #2 concerning in-state Beef Checkoff:**

WHEREAS, the Beef Checkoff has not been raised since its inception and the one dollar per head does not do as much

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association work to raise the Beef Checkoff to two dollars per head in the state of Colorado.

Steve McEndree moved and Dave Mendenhall seconded that Bent-Prowers pass this resolution and send it to CCA convention. Pat Karney moved and Hans Hasser seconded to amend the resolution to add the word "voluntary." With the voice vote unclear, qualified membership was checked and cards issued, then a card vote was held. The amendment failed 12-13.

Leon Leonard moved and Stephanie Malone seconded to amend the motion to change the amount from \$1 to 50 cents. In a card vote, the amendment failed 4-19.

In a card vote on the original motion, the resolution passed 21-3.



**Proposed Resolution #3** to honor deceased members:

WIIEREAS, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence. We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Reggy Lusk so moved and the membership seconded in a unified stand to recognize the deceased.

The nominating committee report was given by Immediate Past Pres. Timy Trosper, with the slate of officers: Kevin Hefley, president; Reggy Lusk, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Bill Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary treasurer. Curt Russell moved and Leon Leonard seconded to close nominations and elect the officers by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Trosper then presented the director slates: For Baca County directors, Amanda McEndree, Steve McEndree and Hans Hasser were nominated for 3 of the 4 open seats. For Bent County directors, Pat Karney, Joe Kasza, Colby Mick and Tim Erickson were nominated. For Kiowa County directors, Bruce Fickenscher, Tyler Karney, Louis James and Rick Wollert were nominated. For Otero County directors, Bill Gray, Leon Leonard, Dave Mendenhall and Pat Ptolemy were nominated. For Prowers County directors, Nolan Davis, Milton Rink, Leonard Pruett and Amber Freouf were nominated.

Hans Hasser moved and Steve McEndree seconded to close nominations and accept the director slate by acclamation. Motion passed on a voice vote.

As per bylaws, Trosper reported that Lori Chase will join himself, Ron O'Neal and JoAnn McEndree as four past presidents rounding out the board.

In announcements:

- Sponsors for the afternoon meeting and subsequent evening banquet were recognized.
- Dave Mendenhall encouraged members to attend the "Joining to Feed the World" CCA/CCW/CLA convention on June 11-13 at Loveland.
- Bruce Fickenscher announced the development of a Colorado Ranch Practicum.

There was no further business. Bill Gray moved and Colby Mick seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote. Pres. Chase adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Russell, secretary